

FOR UNION INCORPORATION.

ARGUMENTS ON THE LABOR BILL IN CONNECTICUT.

Senator Tracy Says Labor Should Be Incorporated and Made to Pay for Wrongdoing—Denounces Present Strike Methods as Un-American and Unjust.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 23.—Before the Labor Committee of the General Assembly there was a hearing to-day on the Tracy bill, for the incorporation of trades unions. In arguing for the measure Senator Tracy of Waterbury said:

"I would not abridge the legal or moral rights of any man by his employer or employees, but I would restrict and restrain combinations of capital or combinations of men under whatever name, who would undertake to interfere with the God given rights of an individual to earn his living at a price that may be agreed upon between himself and his employer."

"I am not antagonistic to organized labor; labor has as good a right to organize for the mutual benefit of its workers as has capital, but it must use peaceful and legal methods, methods that are just, methods that are fair."

"Can the methods used in some of the strikes of any magnitude, in this or other States, during the past year be classified as peaceful or legal strikes? I think not. Coercion, boycott, violence, intimidation, destruction of property and in some cases murder have been done. But it is claimed that these unlawful, un-American methods are not union methods, but all this comes from our sympathizers." The wild incendiary exhortations of some of the leaders incite others to commit dastardly deeds for which they are indirectly responsible.

"If they would avoid this responsibility they must use and advise the use of legal methods, restraint, and not incite irresponsible members or sympathizers."

"Now a word about the bill. Its purpose is not to wrong any man, not to restrict any man in his legal or moral rights. Its purpose is to help, not to hinder prosperity. It advises incorporation. It does not make it mandatory. If incorporation is desirable for labor, let it be done. If it is not, why should it be made compulsory to large bodies of workmen? If incorporated capital is responsible before the law for its acts, why not incorporated labor, and why should not both pay the penalty for wrong doing?"

"Section 9 relates to violence, threats, intimidation, boycott, attempt to prevent the employment of a person in any place made vacant by laborers or workmen in a so-called strike. These methods are so unfair, so un-American, so despicable to every fair-minded man, that I believe we should know how any man who believes in doing unto others as he would be done by could say one word in protest against this section."

"Section 10 is in the interest of public health and safety. It would prevent a strike on a public corporation engaged in the operation of a street car, trolley road, gas or electric light company."

"The necessity of this has not been apparent to the State of Connecticut, but had the strike on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad materialized and had it lasted one month, I believe people would have been starving because no food could have been brought there would have been none to be obtained."

"It is not the intention of this section to deprive an individual of his rights, but to prevent a strike on a public corporation, thereby endangering the health and safety of a whole community, or any act of violence, riot, or any organization that tends to incite riot or the destruction of property, can never be tolerated in this free country."

State's Attorney W. H. Williams of New Haven county spoke for the bill. He said the man who considered the trades union as above and higher than the law of the land might oppose a strike in any place, but the speaker said, must be few in number. The provision requiring thirty days' notice of a strike on any public corporation was, in the interest of the public. The section providing punishment for those who incited and encouraged acts of violence was in line with the constitution. Mr. Williams said that it had been asserted that the unions were stronger than the Government. He didn't believe it. At present free trade unionists who were strike breakers were not safe upon the public streets.

TO SETTLE MINE DISPUTES.

Full Board of Conciliation to Be Appointed Soon—Reading Men to Go to Work.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 23.—The presidents of the coal-carrying railroads who were notified on Tuesday that the mine workers had appointed District Presidents Nichols, Dettry and Fahey as members of the board of conciliation replied to-day that they would without delay appoint the three men who are to represent them. The mine workers expect that the men will be appointed by the board of conciliation. The board members finally adjourned with instruction to advise the men at each colliery in these particulars.

MAHANOT CITY, Pa., April 23.—The outlook which Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company put into effect at twenty-five of its collieries on Monday has been decided. The men will be allowed to return to work to-morrow upon the promise to work nine hours on Saturday, pending the report of the conciliation committee to be appointed under the finding of the strike commission.

To-day's meeting of the representatives of the men employed at thirteen leading collieries in the Mahanot City district was held at Mahanot City. The meeting was presided over by James P. Clark, a member of the executive board of the Ninth Anthracite district. Mr. Clark counseled moderation. He told them that it was President Mitchell's wish that they obey the order of the strike commission. After he had concluded his address the meeting passed a resolution in which the men pledged themselves to work nine hours on Saturday for the present and to go back to work to-morrow if the company desired them to.

General Mining Superintendent Veith said that the proposed arrangement would advance the wages of the mine spinners, but his manner gave the impression that nothing of that nature was likely to occur. The Lawrence mill is now being run to its full capacity.

LOWELL STRIKE CONTINUES.

Decision of the Arbitration Board in Favor of the Operators Makes No Change.

BOSTON, April 23.—The decision of the State Board of Arbitration on the Lowell strike and its finding that the mills were not financially able, save the Lawrence hoistery mill to pay the 10 per cent. increase in wages asked for, has made no change in the situation. The six mills in whose favor the decision is rendered will remain closed until the great body of operatives in departments indicate their desire to return to work.

Dressmaker Baker of the Lawrence mill, when asked what effect the finding of the State Board would have upon the situation at his mill, said he was unable to answer. He would not say whether himself would advance the wages of the mill spinners, but his manner gave the impression that nothing of that nature was likely to occur. The Lawrence mill is now being run to its full capacity.

CARPENTERS STRIKE OFF.

Brotherhood's Chief Announces It Will Union, He Says, Will Gobble Its Share.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 23.—President Huber of the National Brotherhood of Carpenters, announced to-night that a basis of arbitration had been agreed upon with the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters as an outcome of the negotiations conducted by the American Federation of Labor at Toronto a few days ago. Hostilities between the organizations will cease at once, he says, and the arbiters will meet on May 4 to settle finally the trouble between the unions.

President Huber expresses the opinion that the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters will be absorbed by the Brotherhood carpenters. But whether it will or not, the strike in New York is to cease at once and the Brotherhood carpenters will return to work.

CASH REGISTER FACTORY.

President Patterson Says He'll Close It If There's More Labor Trouble.

DATTON, April 23.—In recent years the National Cash Register Works here has had trouble with its employees who have struck to enforce their demands. Several months ago an agreement was entered into by which the men returned to work, but reports have arisen to the effect that 600 of the employees will soon go on a strike.

A meeting of the men and the officers of the company was held to-day to discuss matters pertaining to the welfare of the factory and later it was denied that there would be a strike.

President Patterson is weary of the labor troubles and threatens to close the plant and move to Europe to live unless some assurance is given that the company will have no more difficulty with the men. General Manager Chalmers quoted President Patterson as saying that he was not running the plant to make money, but to make it the model factory of the world—a place where capital and labor may work together in perfect harmony. If he thought he could not accomplish this, Mr. Chalmers said, he would "go abroad and live rather than worry himself with constant turmoil with employees."

STRIKERS USE DYNAMITE.

Miners Fail to Get a Man Discharged and Destroy Company Offices.

WHEELING, W. Va., April 23.—Because their employers refused to discharge a man they did not like 350 miners at Cornersville, a short distance above Wheeling on the Ohio side of the river, last night dynamited the company's offices, destroying much property and driving the populace in terror out of the settlement. William Nixon, a boss tracklayer in the Cornersville mines, was refused release by the company and they made a formal demand for his discharge. It was refused early last evening.

After the men struck they gathered in a body and moved toward Nixon's house intending to blow it up with dynamite. Nixon was forewarned and with the aid of several armed men got his family to a place of safety. Enraged, the strikers turned to the company's property and blew up the office buildings. Deputy sheriffs now patrol the mines and this evening a large number of warrants were issued. It is expected that all of the strikers will be arrested before the trouble is ended.

WONT STRIKE LIKE OTHER MEN.

Engineers Who Threaten Harbor Traffic to "Resign" If They Don't Get Their Way.

The members of the Marine Engineers' Benevolent Association (labor union), who threaten to tie up all harbor traffic on May 1 if their demands for a 25 per cent. increase in wages and a shorter workday are not granted, will again submit the demands to the employers on Monday. The demands have been refused once.

The employees of each company will hand the demands to their employers and for a definite answer. The result will be reported to a general meeting of the union next Tuesday evening and action will be taken.

George Kohn, the business manager of the association, said yesterday that he had no official knowledge that the Association for the Protection of the Commerce of the Port had been organized to resist the demands. Anyway, he asserted, the programme of the union would be carried out.

"Will the engineers strike if their demands are refused?" was asked. "The marine engineers do not strike," said Kohn, solemnly. "They will resign on May 1, if their demands are refused." "Unless the resolution to enforce the demands by a strike is rescinded," he added. "If it would be rescinded or if a compromise was likely, he said he was not making prophecies."

SOLID FRONT TO MEN'S DEMANDS.

Shipbuilding Firms All Get Together—It May Mean a Strike.

A conference took place yesterday between the New York Metal Trades Association, comprising the shipyard owners and around this point, and the firms not in the association. The meeting was held to consider the demands of the Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders for higher wages and shorter hours after May 1.

The firms not in the association agreed to act with it, but no decision was reached about the demands. Another meeting will be held next week. A refusal of the association to meet a strike of machinists, boilermakers and others in all the ship yards and ship repair shops, 6,000 men in all.

J. McKay, business agent of the Brotherhood, reported at this week's session of the building trades section of the Central Federated Union that the employers' association had asked the Brotherhood to withdraw its demands, objection being made particularly to the demand that only union men should be employed. McKay said that the employers had refused, but a conference would be held next week, at which concessions would be offered. If these were refused, he said, a general strike would take place a week from to-day.

Clockmakers Ready for a Summer Strike.

Shop meetings of the clockmakers were started yesterday in about a dozen halls on the East Side to formulate demands for a new wage schedule, to go into effect on May 1. About 12,000 clockmakers will be affected. The annual summer strike will take place, anyway.

Hurry Call for a Union Charter.

A strike of 400 employees of the Empire City Button Works, in East Ninety-fifth street, took place, yesterday, against a reduction of wages. The strikers have asked the American Federation of Labor for a union charter.

CAPT. GRANT SEEKS DIVORCE.

He Formerly Commanded Howard Gould's Yacht Niagara.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 23.—Capt. Charles D. Grant, formerly in charge of Howard Gould's yacht Niagara, and later in command of the army transport Sherman, was in court to-day, trying to secure a divorce from his wife, Florence D. Grant, for desertion.

Grant testified that he married in Portsmouth, N. H., in 1874. He said his wife deserted him in 1900 while he was in command of the Sherman. Mrs. Grant is living in New York, but she has developed an intention of contesting the suit and her deposition will be sent here.

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ADDRESS TO THE AMERICAN ASIATIC ASSOCIATION.

Praise for Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt—Hope That America Will Continue to Take a Friendly Interest in Chinese Affairs—Other Speakers.

I assure you that it is a pleasure to meet so many friends and well-wishers of China. Just now China seems to have drawn upon herself the attention of the whole world. It is time that Americans should know their opportunity in China. The beneficent policy pursued by Secretary Hay under President McKinley and President Roosevelt toward China has produced a profound impression upon the Chinese people. They have seen a strong stand in the affairs of the empire. The United States has been a steadfast friend in time of trouble, and China will not soon forget the aid which it has received from Secretary Hay's Chinese policy will long be felt in commerce and diplomacy in the Far East.

I regard myself as fortunate in having for my predecessor in office such an able man as Mr. Charles E. Magoon. He has done so much toward strengthening the friendly relations between the two countries that I shall doubtless find my task comparatively easy in this direction. But I regard myself as doubly fortunate in coming as Chinese diplomatic representative to a country to which I am not a perfect stranger.

Under such circumstances, I need hardly add that it will be my pleasure as well as my duty to do everything in my power, as the representative of China in the United States, to promote the welfare of the two countries by bringing them into closer commercial relations. I have no doubt that the assistance and sympathy of every member of the American Asiatic Association. [Applause.]

Judge Charles E. Magoon of the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department, who spoke after the Chinese Minister, said that the Pacific Ocean would surely be the theatre of the twentieth century struggle between the two nations for commercial supremacy. The United States, with its possessions, he said, pretty nearly makes this great ocean an American inland sea, and of commercial America gives the support that it ought to the victory will be ours.

Judge Magoon said that the first work to be done was to abate the tariff on the products of the Philippine Islands coming to this country and to take some steps to overcome the disadvantage of distance under which the Philippines are placed in relation to the United States.

John Barrett, a commissioner of the St. Louis fair, told of some of the plans of Oriental countries to send exhibits. For the first time in his history, he said, China is sending to St. Louis, as President of the Imperial Commission, a member of the royal family, Prince Pulin, the nephew of the Emperor, and is going to erect a special pavilion which he is to hold his official receptions.

Other speakers were Charles A. Conant of the Commission on International Exchange and Dr. Franz Boas of the Museum of Natural History.

DEWEY CELEBRATES.

Theatre and a Talk With Jerome and Platt on His 60th Birthday.

Senator Dewey celebrated his sixty-ninth birthday by going to the theatre last evening. He went to see "The Sultan of Sulu" at Wallack's and sat in an orchestra chair. Senator Platt happened to be in a box with some of his friends. District Attorney Jerome happened to occupy a box next to Senator Platt's.

By and by Senator Dewey saw Senator Platt and went around to him. Soon after he got there Mr. Jerome saw Senator Platt and went around to have a talk with him. Then all three talked and they appeared to have a lot of fun.

No Stay Yet for Al Adams.

Justice Scott issued no stay, yesterday, for Albert J. Adams, the policy king, an attendant at the Tomb, where he is confined, said that Adams didn't look seriously ill.

Delos McCurdy Very Ill.

Delos McCurdy, the lawyer who broke the Tilden will, is very ill at the Hoffman House. Mr. McCurdy has been suffering for years from acute rheumatism.

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